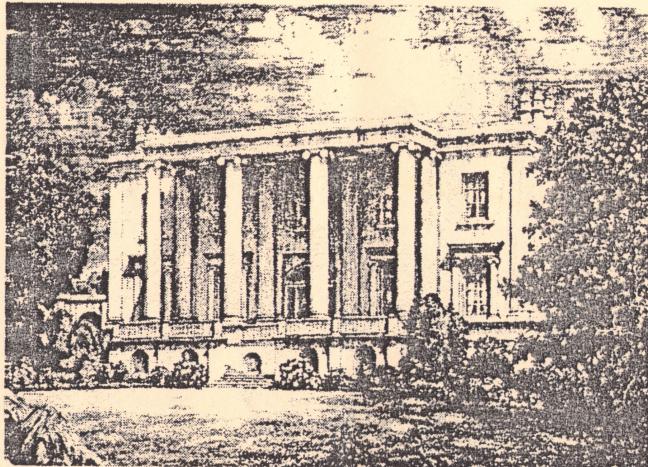


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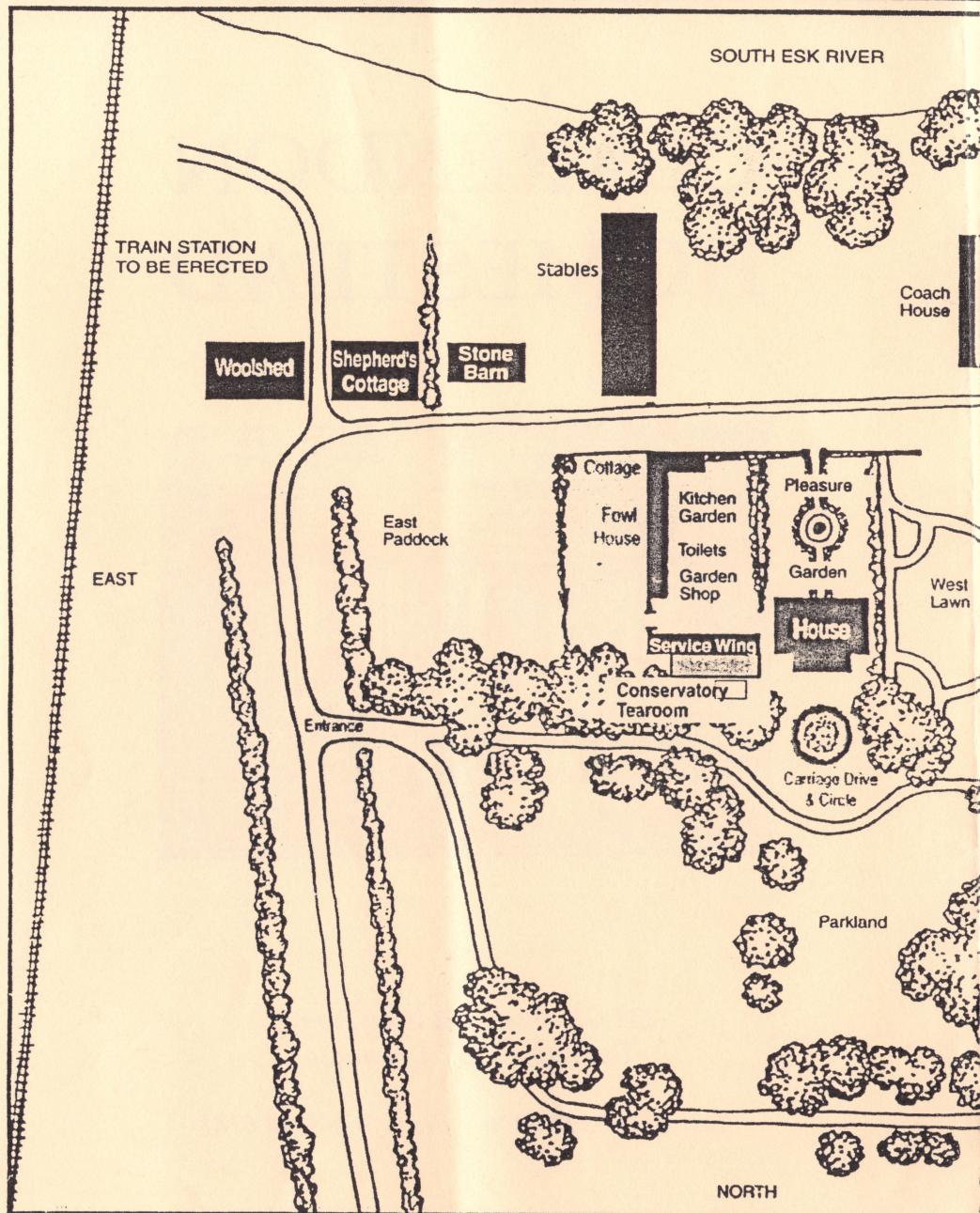
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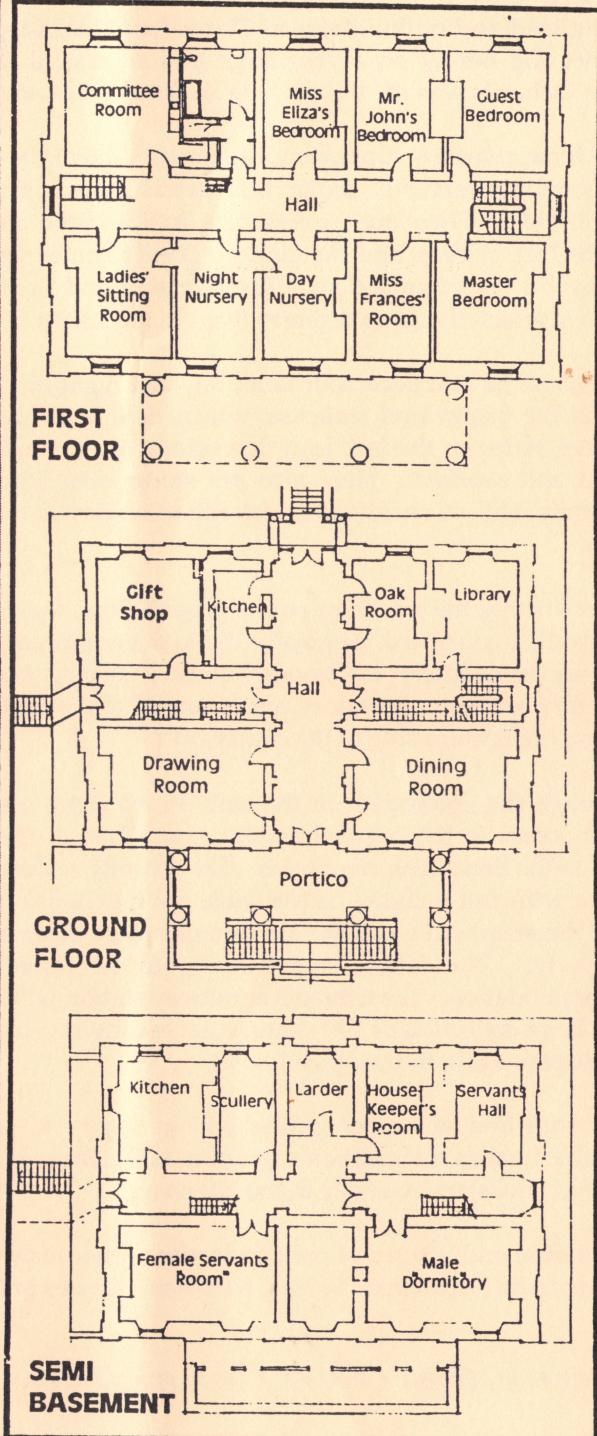
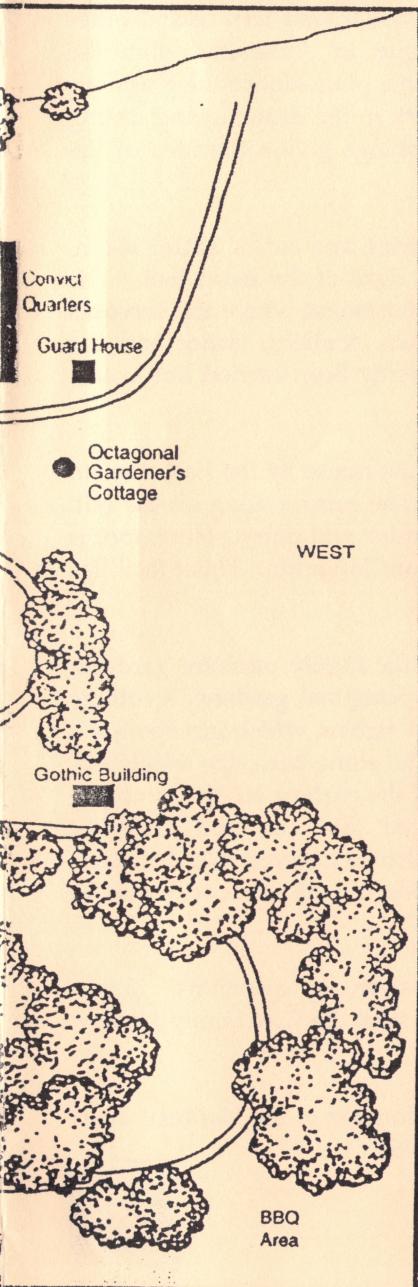
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This outstanding Colonial building was completed in 1838 for James Cox, son of William Cox, who built Clarendon at Richmond in New South Wales. The homestead and outbuildings at Clarendon, Nile, Tasmania, were the centre for this pioneering family on a very large and successful farming and grazing property. John Richards was the builder, the architect is unknown.

The Ionic columns supporting the portico above the balustraded terrace and other outstanding features, make this grand house unique in Australian domestic architecture. There are three storeys, as illustrated on the plan. Notice the grandeur of the 15ft. ceilings and the glorious papier mache work in the drawing and dining rooms on the ground floor. The furniture and furnishings give some idea of the style in which the landed gentry lived in the 1840's.

Access to the first floor bedrooms, day and night nurseries, and ladies' sitting room, is via the blackwood staircase, which rises from the right of the main hall. The service stairs on the left, lead downstairs to the semi basement where the servants lived and worked. Here also are storerooms, kitchen, scullery, larder and the servants' hall. Considerable restoration work has recently been carried out in this area.

After visiting the gift shop on the ground floor, leave the house by the East door to the walled courtyard, originally the kitchen garden. The service wing on the left, houses the saddlery, bootroom, butchery, bakery, laundry and dairy. Here, too, is an entry to the conservatory restaurant, The Menzies at Clarendon. Toilet facilities are on the Eastern side of the courtyard.

Through the green door in the wall on the right, are the family pleasure gardens, with access to the original stables, coach house, the octagonal gardener's cottage and to the South Esk river bank. The recently restored stables, which incorporate a room with full facilities, is available for functions. The stone barn, the woolshed, and the shepherd's cottage are thought to be three of the earliest buildings on the property. The latter, is eventually to be converted into bed and breakfast accommodation. The Clarendon railway station will also be restored in due course. The large collection of 19th century horse drawn vehicles, now in store, will soon be on display again in the coach house.

Our staff and volunteer guides will be happy to answer any questions. If you require further information regarding the Homestead and the Cox family history, several books are available in the gift shop.

The house and 9 acres of parklands were generously donated to the National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) by Mrs. Kathleen Menzies in 1962.

